This request being granted, and Cuffe brought, he veiemently charged him and said, [c] Henry Cuffe, call to God for mercy and to the Queen, and deserve it by declaring truth, for I that must now prepare for another world, have resolved to deal clearly with God and the world and must needs say this to you, that none hath been a greater instigator of me than yourself to all these my disloyal courses into which I have fallen '

^yd February THE EARL OF ESSEX AND THE GARTER

Mr Richard Conmngsby, Usher of the Black Rod for the Order of the Garter, is instructed according to his office to proceed to the Tower and there to disgrace and depnse the Earl of Essex of that honourable Order in pulling off of the George and the Garter

^A[f]th February AN AMBASSADOR FROM SCOTLAND

The Earl of Mar is on his way to London in embassage from the Scottish Kong, and hath sent before him a gentleman to request that some spacious house may be taken for the convenient lodging of himself and his train

THE PLAYERS AT COURT

Last Sunday (22nd) the Children of the Chapel played at Court and to-mght the Lord Chamberlain's players

25 *th February, Ash Wednesday* THE EXECUTION OF THE EARL OF ESSEX

Very late last night the Earl of Essex, being informed by the Lieutenant of the Tower that he was to die m the morning, opened his window and said to the guard, * My good friends, pray for me, and to-morrow you shall see in me a strong God in a weak man , I have nothing to give you, for I have nothing left, but that which I must pay to the Queen to-morrow in the morning'

This morning, between 7 and 8 of the clock, he was brought by the Lieutenant from his lodging, attended on by three divines : and all the way from his chamber to the scaffold, he called to God to give him strength and patience to the end, and he often intreated those that went with him to pray for him. He was apparelled in a gown of wrought velvet, a satin suit and felt hat, all black